

A NEW KING OF THE PRIZE RING.

Thousand of an American Slave Now the Undisputed Heavyweight Champion

JEFFRIES GOES DOWN IN THE 15TH

"I Was too Old to Come Back" Says the Defeated White Man—"I Lost the Fight Because the Youthful Speed and Stamina Were Lacking"—Jim Corbett Begs Johnson Not to Deliver Knockout Blow.

Reno, Nevada, July 4.—Twenty thousand persons packed the tiered stands for a heart's time at a boxing white fight tonight on a square of pink canvas this afternoon and tried to realize that what may be the last chapter in American prizefighting annals had been written before them. The man whose bulk sagged low the white rope over which lay James J. Jeffries, the new king of the ring. No ring contest ever drew such an attendance and never before was so many thousands of dollars fought for or paid by the sport loving public to see a fight.

Five Hundred Women in the Audience.

The men, and for that matter the five hundred and more women scattered through that vast audience, are tonight dispersing east and west and north and south. Many of them journeyed thousands of miles to Reno; many have gone hungry and many without beds, but the picture they saw this afternoon was worth it. It was the greatest collection of men of the prize ring since the days of the sport of a sporting writers and other writers whose names are known in action, politics and even in the law. It was a national political convention. From noon until the curtain went down on this battle of the Fourth of July thousands of persons weaved and swayed in the excitement of a July sun to see the trial of skill, strength and endurance promised by this combat of the two recognized champions of the prize ring. And, after 69 minutes of concentrated and intense interest, the thing they had looked forward to for over a year was over, something between a sigh and a groan went up to the blue sky, but there was little to be said.

\$250,000 from Sale of Seats.

The receipts from the sale of seats are estimated at \$250,000.

THE FIGHT IN DETAIL.

Son of an American Slave Now the Undisputed Heavyweight Champion.

Reno, Nevada, July 4.—John Arthur Johnson, a Texas negro, and Jim Corbett, an American slave, are tonight the first and undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

James J. Jeffries of California, winner of twenty-two championship fights, a man who was never brought to his knees before the ropes, was tonight into history as a broken idol. He met defeat at the hands of the black champion.

Saved Jeff from the Count.

White Jeffries was not actually counted out, he was saved from this evening's defeat by his opponent pleading with Johnson not to hit the fallen man again, and the towel was brought into the ring. At the end of the fifteenth round Referee Tex Rickard raised the negro's arms and the great crowd flew out, clam and silent.

Jeffries was dragged to his corner, bleeding from his nose and mouth and a dozen cuts on his face. He had a black, closed eye and swollen features, and he held his head in his hands, dazed and incoherent.

Only a Scratch on Johnson.

Johnson walked out of the ring without a mark on his body except a slight cut on his lip, which was the opening of a wound received in training. Ring experts agree that it was not even a championship fight. Jeffries had a chance in the second round, perhaps, but after the sixth it was plain that he was weakening and was outclassed at every round. In the eleventh round it was hopeless.

It was the greatest demonstration the ring has ever seen. The fight of a fighter to come back after years of retirement. The youth and science of the black man made Jeffries look like a novice. The great Jeffries was like a log.

Johnson Swift in Attack and Defense.

The revised Johnson was like a black panther, beautiful in his alertness and defensive tactics. Jeffries fought by instinct, it seemed, knowing his place under cover all the while. He was only a shell of his old self. The old capacity to take a terrible beating and come back in the next round, the blow was in until he landed the knockout blow.

After the third round Johnson treated his opponent almost as a joke. He walked and boxed playfully, wounding the bear-like rush of Jeffries with marvelous skill.

"On the Square."

Out of the sea of opinions and arguments that surrounded this fight and made it the talk of the world, these facts stand out: The fight was "on the square." Of this there is no doubt. There was no evidence of the famous "yellow streak" in Johnson. Johnson proved himself so absolutely Jeffries' master that experts such as W. C. Corbett, the Australian sports writer and ring expert, says that Tommy Burns put up a better fight against Johnson than Jeffries.

German Catholic Societies' Convention.

Hartford, July 4.—The 23d annual convention of the German Catholic societies of the state was brought to a close here tonight with the election of the following officers: President, A. Lickteig, New Haven; first vice president, John Fallert, Waterbury; secretary, Joseph Derksen, New Haven; and treasurer, Carl Felder, Hartford.

Many Broken Heads.

Rossmore, Va., July 4.—Six negroes with broken heads, at least one locked up, and one white man, Joe Chokley, with a bullet through the jaw and his strength was ebbing. But even before the fight was over, the blows nearly always landed, minus nearly all his speed. It was like hitting a punchbag.

Jeffries Caught at Fists, but during the fight was not hurt.

Johnson Cuts Loose in Fifteenth.

The fifteenth round started with a

Cabbed Paragraphs

Parana, July 4.—A heavy thunderstorm yesterday afternoon prevented the collection of election returns from many districts. The reports this morning assume the election of the republic can coalitions candidates. There were no disturbances worthy of note.

Naples, July 4.—As the Duca d'Aosta, accompanied by an aide-de-camp, was returning to Rome in the automobile the vehicle ran over a peasant in the streets of Cassino. The duke took steps to have the man taken to the hospital, where despite all the surgeons could do the unfortunate man succumbed.

STEAMBOAT STRANDED

IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.

Eighteen Passengers Rescued After Remaining Aboard All Night.

New York, July 4.—After spending the night on the stranded steamer Princeton, tilted over a sand bar in the Green Meadows between City Island and Hart's Island, Long Island Sound, eighteen passengers who refused to leave the vessel under the small boats during the night were taken off today and returned to their homes in New York.

Fourteen passengers, the first to enter the lifeboat, had a narrow escape when the vessel was tilted. The boat was tilted, a minute after it had touched the water. The plugs and no holes were taken to hospitals. Police patrols were doubled in the troublesome districts, and strange whites and negroes were taken to hospitals. A few blacks further downtown two detachments of "Hounds of Hell" and "Pearl Button" gangs accosted a peaceable negro who was buying a paper. "What do you think of the fight?" "I'm neutral," answered the negro, pacifically.

Black Men Mobbbed.

At 15th street and Eighth avenue, in the better mannered negro quarter, a mob of white men rushed out of a saloon shouting, "Let's lynch the trolley car with a negro on the front seat."

The mob stormed the car, pulled the negro into the street and began beating and kicking him. He was rescued by the police with difficulty and taken to a station house for protection, with three of his assailants were taken to the hospital.

Police Patrols Doubled.

Within two hours from the moment the decisive words "Johnson wins" went up on the bulletin boards, there were eleven calls for the police and ambulances rushed out in all directions of the town. Four negroes were arrested and eight whites. Four negroes and no whites were taken to hospitals. Police patrols were doubled in the troublesome districts, and strange whites and negroes were taken to hospitals. A few blacks further downtown two detachments of "Hounds of Hell" and "Pearl Button" gangs accosted a peaceable negro who was buying a paper. "What do you think of the fight?" "I'm neutral," answered the negro, pacifically.

Interment at Chicago, Friday.

Chief Justice Fuller had been a summer resident of Chicago for seven years. He came here from Chicago on June 25 last, and since that time he had been staying at the "Mainstay" as his summer home was called. The funeral services will be held at the residence of the late chief justice, 1525 North Dearborn street, on Friday afternoon. Interment will be at Chicago, probably on Friday.

A Large Hatpin Penetrated Four Ines.

When she was thrown out on her head in a runaway at Boone, Iowa.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Setting out which it believed would be the issues of the coming campaign.

Twelve Hundred Section Men.

With the foremen, covered the highway and Hudson system, after threatening for several days, struck for more wages.

The Members of the United States Tobacco Company.

Arrived in New York from Norfolk on a chartered steamship after holding their convention at sea.

Official Announcement was made of the death of Chief Justice Fuller.

Washington, D. C., July 4.—News of the death of Chief Justice Fuller started official Washington today. There is profound sorrow in all quarters.

Already there is speculation as to his successor.

It seems to be the general impression that Chief Justice Hughes will be the next chief justice of the United States.

The Position of Consulting Engineer to the Secretary of the Interior in the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Ballinger and Brigadier General William L. Marshall was appointed to the place.

Associate Justice William H. Moody, of the Supreme Court, was appointed to the place.

Brooklyn, Mass., where he had been a patient for several months, and went to his home in New York.

Announcement was made by the Pennsylvania railroad in Philadelphia that its conductors and trainmen are taking a strike vote.

Further increase their wages.

ITALIAN FARM HAND CAPTURED IN HARWINTON WOODS.

Accused of Stabbing His Uncle to Death Last Saturday.

ALL HANDS ESCAPED.

Power Boat With Seven Men Aboard Burned Off Block Island.

Block Island R. L. July 4.—The power boat of the New York and New England steamship company, carrying seven men on board, caught fire five miles off at 5 a. m. today, and was destroyed. All hands escaped by jumping into a small dingy, which held them until a local fisherman towed them and brought them here. The dingy was so small that two of the party could not get on board and had to stay in the water hanging to the rail.

Notable Fourth of July Marine Coincidence.

New York, July 4.—The crew of the United States steamer Yankton recovered a body from the East River on the morning of the Fourth of July. The body was that of a man named Charles H. Davenport, a salesman of Springfield, Mass., who disappeared on the morning of the Fourth of July. The body was found on the body of a water-soaked envelope bearing the name of Charles H. Davenport.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Naples: July 2, Roma, from New York.

At London: July 4, Minnesota, from New York.

At St. Paul: July 2, Columbia, from New York.

At Dover: July 4, Kronland, from New York.

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Riots Followed

"Johnson Wins" Fuller is Dead

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